

I CLAIM:

- 1 1. A method of preventing piracy of a given software
2 application via a communications network, said method
3 comprising the steps of:
4 storably receiving user data on data storage element
5 of a remote service system via element, of said remote service
6 system, for storably receiving said user data, said remote
7 service system connected to said communications network and
8 designated to receive said user data;
9 associating said user data to archived data of
10 said remote service system via element, of said remote service
11 system, for processing user data, wherein said association
12 event is initiated to determine whether said user is pirating
13 said software application;
14 selectively transmitting service data to user
15 system via element, of said remote service system, for
16 transmitting said service data when said remote service system
17 determines that said service data should be transmitted, said
18 user system connected to said communications network and
19 designated to storably receive said service data.

1 23. A system for preventing piracy of a given software
2 application via a communications network, said system
3 comprising:

4 a user system connected to a communications
5 network and designated by a user to transmit user
6 data and storably receive service data, said user system
7 including computer processor element, data storage element for
8 storing data, element for transmitting user data, and element
9 for storably receiving said service data.

10 a remote service system connected to said
11 communications network and designated by the remote
12 service provider to storably receive said user data and
13 selectively transmit said service data, said remote
14 service system including computer processor element, data
15 storage element for storing data, element for storably receiving
16 said user data, element for detecting said user data, element
17 for processing said user data, element for processing said
18 service data, and element for transmitting said service data to
19 said user system.

20 24. The system as in Claim 23,

21 wherein said user data is detected by said remote
22 service system via element, of said remote service system, for
23 detecting said user data, said remote service system
24 connected to said communications network and designated to
25 detect said user data.

1 25. The system as in Claim 23,
2 wherein said service data is extracted from said
3 archived data by element for processing said service data.

4 26. The system as in Claim 23,
5 wherein said service data is generated from said
6 archived data by element for processing said service data.

7 27. The system as in Claim 23,
8 wherein the steps for transmitting said service data
9 is an uploading event in which said service data is automatically
10 transferred from said remote service system and storably received
11 by said user system via element, of said user system, for
12 storably receiving said service data.

13 28. The system as in Claim 23,
14 wherein the steps for transmitting said service data
15 is an uploading event in which said service data is manually
16 transferred from said remote service system and storably received
17 by said user system via element, of said user system, for
18 storably receiving said service data.

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1 29. The system as in Claim 23,
2 wherein the steps for transmitting said service data
3 is a downloading event in which said service data is made
4 available to said user from said remote service system, said user
5 being able to download said service data into said user system
6 via element, of said user system, for storably receiving said
7 service data.

8 30. The system as in Claim 23,
9 wherein said software application includes a program
10 code sequence that identifies said software application
11 stored on said data storage element of said user system,
12 said software application additionally being responsive to
13 a second program code sequence that activates said
14 software application, and which is transmitted to said
15 user system via a communications network.
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